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Terms and Conditions & Submission Process for IAP-ICP Research Grants 2023

- **NUMBER AND TYPE OF GRANTS**

1. Undergraduate students (UG): 10 grants of Rs. 10,000/- each
2. Postgraduate students (PG): 4 grants of Rs. 25,000/- each
3. Young Researchers (YR): 4 grants of Rs. 25,000/- each
4. Practicing Pediatricians (PP): 8 grants of Rs. 25,000/- each
5. Pediatricians in Small Institutes (PS): 4 grants of Rs. 25,000/- each

- **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS**

Undergraduate students (UG)

1. The student may pursue work during any semester of MBBS training (including internship) at an institution recognized by NMC or through Act of Parliament (e.g., AIIMS).
2. The work should be relevant to child health, including neonatology and other pediatric subspecialties.
3. The student will be the Principal Investigator for the UG project.
4. The supervisor for the project should be from the Department of Pediatrics/ Neonatology of the same medical college, and should be a life member of IAP.
5. Ethical permission from the Institute's ethics committee is mandatory before start of the work.
6. An undertaking from the student and the supervisor will be required about no other source of funding for the work.
7. The work should be conducted between September 2023 and February 2024, including data analysis and report preparation.
8. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant.

Postgraduate students (PG)

1. The student should be pursuing MD/DNB in Pediatrics from an institution recognized by NMC/NBE or through Act of parliament (e.g., AIIMS, PGI)
2. The grant will be awarded to support the funding of thesis work, the protocol of which should already be cleared by the institute's ethics committee and the PG cell (or a similar committee) of the concerned College/University/Hospital.
3. The student will be the Principal Investigator for the PG project.

4. The supervisor for the project should be from the Department of Pediatrics/ Neonatology from the same teaching institution, and should be a life member of IAP.
5. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment etc.
6. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

Young researchers (YR)

1. Persons below 40 years of age who have completed their postgraduate degree/diploma (MD/DNB/DCH) within last five years (counted from the last day of PG training to the last day of application) from an institution recognized by NMC/NBE or through act of parliament (e.g., AIIMS, PGI), and are working as Senior Residents/ Tutors/ Faculty in medical colleges/hospitals are eligible for this award.
2. The researcher submitting the proposal will be the Principal Investigator (PI) of the project, and should be a life member of IAP.
3. Ethical permission from the Institute's ethics committee/IAP National Independent ethics committee/Any other registered ethics committee is mandatory before start of the work.
4. An undertaking from the researcher will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment etc.
5. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant.

Practicing pediatricians (PP)

1. Any life member of IAP interested in research in his/her office practice is eligible for the award.
2. The data for research should be carried out in outpatient clinic (medical facility run by single or group of health practitioners), and not from an institute the pediatrician may be associated with.
3. Ethical permission from IAP National Independent ethics committee or any other independent or institutional ethics committee is mandatory before start of the project
4. An undertaking from investigator will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment, research staff etc.
5. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

Pediatricians in small institutes (PS)

1. For the purpose of this grant, a small institute (level 1 or 2 under Clinical Establishment Act 2010) refers to a non-teaching hospital providing indoor and outpatient general pediatric services and additional specialist medical services from one or more basic medical specialties (e.g. general medicine, general surgery, obstetrics & gynecology, dentistry).
2. Any life member of IAP interested in research in such an institute is eligible for the award.
3. Ethical permission from IAP National Independent ethics committee or any other independent or institutional ethics committee is mandatory before start of the project
4. An undertaking from investigator will be required about no other source of funding for the work. The funds may be utilized for the purpose of procuring reagents, kits, or for covering cost of laboratory investigations, minor equipment, research staff etc.
5. Clinical trials for regulatory purpose, or with involvement of any pharmaceutical company, are not eligible for this grant

PREPARATION OF PROTOCOL

The work should be new and original. Projects which have already been completed, or presented/published do not qualify for these grants. Prepare your proposal in 12 font size and double spacing. The proposal should be prepared as **two separate pdf files** as follows:

1. Basic Information, Title Page & Certificate: Format should be pdf (single file)

Page 1 Basic information: Award Category (UG/PG/YR/PP/PS); Personal details: Name, Age, Gender, Date of Birth, E-mail, Mobile number; Professional details: Date of joining MBBS; Date of passing MD/DNB/DCH in Pediatrics

Page 2 Title Page: Title of project, Names of Principal investigator, Supervisor (for UG/PG) and co-supervisors/co-investigators along with their current affiliation and signatures, statement about ethical approval status, any registration with clinical trial registry, conflict of interest. IAP membership details of applicant/supervisor must be mentioned along with affiliations.

Page 3 Certificate/Undertaking should include

- (i) A statement to the effect that the work is original, and has not been already started (except PG thesis protocols). For PG thesis work, the undertaking should state that the work has not yet been completed and submitted to the institute.
- (ii) A statement about no other source of funding for the project (except for PG thesis).
- (iii) Signatures of the Principal investigator and Supervisor (in case of undergraduate and postgraduate work).

2. Research Proposal: Format shall be pdf (single file)

- Title and Summary of the project (Background, Study Design and Methods)
- Details of the project, including the Need of the study, Aim and Objectives, Brief Review of Literature, Methods (including inclusion and exclusion criteria, intervention/procedures, Outcomes, Sample size and Statistical analysis) References and Study Proforma.

Please note that no details about authors or institutions should be mentioned in the main proposal. The proposals will be disqualified if such details are found in the main proposal, or if there are no signatures in the undertaking.

SUBMISSION PROCESS

- One Principal Investigator is not permitted to submit more than one proposal in a particular category (UG/PG/YR/PP/PS).
- In a calendar year, not more than one grant will be provided to an applicant.
- The proposal should be submitted online at icpindia.org.in following the link for online submission of IAP-ICP Research Grants.

EVALUATION PROCESS & RELEASE OF GRANT

- All proposals will undergo evaluation by an expert committee in a masked manner, and the grant will be awarded to the projects based on this evaluation.
- Complete report should be submitted by the stipulated date as a single pdf file consisting of
 - Complete protocol as approved earlier
 - Certificate of approval of the proposal/protocol by Institutional/independent Ethics committee as applicable
 - Project Report in detail in the IMRAD format (Introduction, Methods, Results, Discussion) along with all tables, figures and references (in Vancouver style).
 - A certificate of expenditure duly signed by awardee and supervisor (in case of undergraduate and postgraduate work) for the amount sanctioned. The bank details (name of account holder, account number, bank & branch, IFSC number) of Principal investigator should also be mentioned on the certificate for facilitating the release of grant.
- The full amount of grant will be released after approval of the report by the expert committee.
- If any irregularities are noticed, the grant will be denied. If any such irregularities are found out after allocation of grants/ during the conduct of the research, the grant sanctioned is to be returned to the IAP fully.

Timelines

- Announcement in June 2023.
- Last Date of Submission of Protocol: 30 June 2023
- Announcement of Award(s): July – August, 2023
- Commencement/Conduct of Work
 - Undergraduates: September 2023 to February 2024 (6 months including report preparation and submission)
 - Postgraduates: up to 18 months (for thesis support)
 - Young Researchers, Practicing Pediatricians and Pediatrician in small institutes: One year
- Report Submission
 - Final Report by 31st March, 2024 for Undergraduate award
 - Mid-term Progress by 31st March, 2024 for other four categories
 - Final Report by 15th December, 2024 for YR, PP and PS; 31st March 2025 for PG category.
 - The last dates of submission of reports are strict, and will not be extended, except in extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Grant committee.